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Approved
Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate
October 24, 2014
SM113B, 9:00-10:30 AM

Present: Phil Anloague, Paul Benson, Erin Brown, Harry Gerla, Linda Hartley, Emily Hicks, Carissa Krane, Laura Leming, Ed Mykytka, Kathy Webb

Absent: Jim Dunne, Dominique Yantko

Guests: Corinne Daprano (Faculty Board)

Opening prayer/meditation: E. Mykytka opened the meeting with a meditation.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 17, 2014, ECAS meeting were approved with corrections and one abstention.

Announcements:

- Next ECAS meeting Friday October 31, 9:00-10:30am, SM 113B
- VP J. Carter follow-up on HRAC membership: CAS reps
 - The current HRAC rep for the College is completing her term at the end of December. J. Carter has asked Interim Dean Jason Pierce to identify one faculty and one staff member from the College to serve on HRAC. This is one step to address the issue of adequate faculty representation on HRAC and increases representation for the largest academic unit on campus.
- Updates on consultation with Academic Senate
 - Director of Budgets (attached)
 - C. Krane reported that the Provost's Council is involved with this hiring process, thus ensuring Senate representation via the Deans and President of Senate. P. Benson explained that this was not a new position, but one that had been vacant for a while.
 - Meeting with J. Leland
 - C. Krane issued an open invitation to John Leland, Interim Vice President for Research and Executive Director of UDRI, to attend an ECAS and/or a Senate meeting.
 - University Policy Coordinating Committee Meeting
 - C. Krane announced that the US Dept. of Education has reviewed the university's nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policy and requires five minor revisions so these changes will be made in the near future.
 - C. Krane announced that David Sipusic did not receive the list of suggestions prepared by the FAC last academic year. She will ask H. Gerla to forward the list to D. Sipusic.

- The role and authority of the UPCC was discussed. It was agreed that clarity about both is needed. What role, if any, does the UPCC have in regard to Academic Senate policies?
- Provost Council Meeting
 - P. Anloague reported that the process for funding budget requests and the distribution of closeout funds were discussed. He reported that a campus-wide communication from Dan Curran will be sent soon addressing next steps for the recent academic climate survey.
- C. Krane stated that she had received several questions from faculty wanting to know the follow up from their involvement in the unit-wide conversations. P. Benson stated that an overarching action plan would come from the Provost's office via a series of communications from him. He will address this at the next Senate meeting. K. Webb suggested that a list of the campus wide issues generated via the unit meetings be a conversation starter for a Senate discussion. P. Anloague agreed. The appropriate timing for such a conversation was discussed, but nothing was decided.
- C. Krane announced that the Faculty Association Annual Meeting would be held on November 13, 2014, in KU Ballroom, 11:45-1:15. Lunch will be provided courtesy of the Provost's Office. The topic of the meeting is CAP and the Faculty.

Reports from Committees:

Academic Policies Committee: E. Mykytka reported that the committee had produced a response to the CAP review proposal. Both documents were included in the packet for today's ECAS meeting. The documents were discussed. L. Leming clarified that the Spring 2017 graduates will not be the first cohort to experience the full CAP program as stated in the draft proposal because the Social Science course will not be rolled out until 2015. E. Mykytka welcomed additional feedback from ECAS on either document. C. Krane suggested that Sawyer Hunley be offered time on a future Senate meeting to discuss the review process.

Faculty Affairs Committee: H. Gerla reported that the committee will meet on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, to continue discussion about how to reconcile the bylaws of the two faculty hearing committees with the university-wide nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policy. David Sipusic, Title IX/504 Coordinator and Equity Compliance Officer, attended the last meeting.

Student Academic Policies Committee: L. Leming reported that the SAPC met on Monday, October 20, 2014, and continued discussion of the Academic Dishonesty policy procedures.

New Business:

Discussion of Academic Senate Meeting held Friday, October 17th: C. Krane asked for thoughts on how the meeting went. L. Leming stated that it had educational value for Senators, but she is not sure it is worth having the Board Chair and President at the Senate after every Board meeting unless there are big decisions to announce or big issues to discuss. P. Benson stated that it is not always possible to predict when such issues will come up, but typically each meeting builds on the ones before and hot button issues such as minority recruitment and financial aid can factor into later decisions. P. Anloague spoke with the Leadership UD cohort and they found the meeting worthwhile. He also asked if there was an issues list for the Board. Not really, according to P. Benson. He acknowledged that timing issues are

challenging especially now that budget decisions are not always finalized until May. P. Benson suggested that reports after every monthly executive board committee meeting would be useful.

C. Daprano asked if there was a way to communicate how valuable the informal interactions with Board members are especially in terms of relationship building. There is concern by some faculty that the informal nature of these interactions is not useful. However, several Senators and ECAS members found the dinner with the Board very valuable in facilitating conversations that may not have happened during a board meeting, etc. C. Krane received a note from Steve Cobb issuing a blanket invitation for her to contact him anytime.

The room set up for the next Senate meeting will be modified to center around one projection screen. Microphones will be used.

University Calendar Committee: E. Mykytko reported that J. Dunne was attending the calendar committee meeting to look at some options for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years and would report back next week. A document from 2009 that lists important academic considerations related to calendar issues will be assigned to the APC for review.

Potential Topics for Next ELC Meeting: The next ELC meeting will be held on Monday, November 17, 2014, 9:30-11:30am. After some discussion, it was decided that C. Krane will recommend the following agenda items to D. Curran and P. Benson: 1 hour with representatives from Advancement/Development and 1 hour to discuss the draft charter of the ELC.

Proposal from Senator A. Altman to create policy on faculty/student ratios and enrollment based allocation of resources: P. Benson stated he considers these issues to be unit-level since the School of Engineering has the ability to influence its enrollment significantly and all requests for faculty hires in Engineering have been approved by the Provost's Office. The development of a university-wide enrollment policy would be extremely difficult given the great variation between programs, departments, and units. He also stated that the school has discretionary funds to help with over-enrolled departments. It was acknowledged that the new dean of Engineering, Eddy Rojas, is addressing enrollment issues among other problems. C. Krane will advise A. Altman to seek resolution within the unit at this point.

Email from Senator A. Slade regarding faculty appointments to Board of Trustees Committees: C. Krane explained that A. Slade resent his question after the recent Senate meeting. This topic was briefly discussed with no resolution.

Old Business:

Update on UNRC calls for nominations: E. Hicks reported that one additional person had been nominated for the Parliamentarian of the Academic Senate position, but had not decided whether to accept the nomination. ECAS will discuss alternatives next week if no viable nominees have been identified. E. Hicks reported that a call to fill three open positions on the University Honorary Degree Committee was sent yesterday. She has not heard back from Pat Donnelly about the resolution of the call for the Maternity Leave Review Panel. The Senate representative for the search committee for the Associate Provost for Faculty and Administrative Affairs has been chosen and the other nominees have been notified.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Emily Hicks

Work in Progress

Task	Source	Previously assigned	To	Work due	Due
Consultation	ECAS	ECAS	ECAS	Open communication	ongoing
Instructional staff titles	Provost's office		FAC		
Information Literacy			ECAS	Charge	
AS Constitution revision	ECAS		ECAS		
Dismissal for academic dishonesty	SBA	SAPC	Deans' Council		
Policy for academic certificate programs			APC		
Nondiscrimination & anti-harassment policy	Legal		FAC, SAPC	Comments/recommendations	
Review of Faculty Hearing Committees' by-laws	ECAS		FAC		
Academic scheduling task force	ECAS		ECAS	Report	12/15/14
Review ECAS/Senate representation on Elections Committee	ECAS		FAC		
Review ECAS/Senate representation on UNRC	ECAS		FAC		
Tasks ongoing					
CAP oversight	Senate		APC	Hear monthly reports	
UNRC			ECAS	Hear monthly reports	